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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 1160

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EG ENRG

SUBJECT: ESSO DRILLS MEDITERRANEAN WELL

ESSO EGYPT GENERAL MANAGER INFORMED US JANUARY 30 THAT  
ESSO DEEP SEA DRILLING RIG BEGAN DRILLING IN ESSO'S  
MEDITERRANEAN CONCESSION EVENING JAN 29. THIS IS  
FIRST WELL TO BE DRILLED BY AMERICAN COMPANY UNDER SPATE  
OF OIL AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION DURING PAST YEAR. GEN MGR ASKED THAT WE  
TREAT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY FOR TIME BEING BECAUSE  
OF SENSITIVITY OF MINISTER OF PETROLEUM TO PRESS LEAKS  
ABOUT OIL OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.  
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